

Shoot a Deer---File Report; Kill Hunter---None Required

By LEO "BUDDY" MARCEAU

What price are you going to pay for one moment's carelessness during the coming deer season in Massachusetts or hunting expeditions in the North Country? Are you going to be responsible for such headlines as: "Shoots at Rabbit, Kills Maine Hunter, Wounds Another"; "Son Kills Father, 16th Woods Death," maybe, "Shoots at Deer, Kills Wife?" Gun-fra from deer hunters alone in 1948 killed at least 110 persons in 24 states that keep some records of hunting accidents or can be checked in newspapers. Already this year, gunners have shot a number of hunters or innocent bystanders.

Survey on Safety
Dr. H. L. Pierson, of Hampton, N. H., chairman of the New England Outdoor Writers Association hunting accident research committee, condensed a survey into percentage figures. His report reveals an alarming lack of interest in the 2000 or more shooting accidents that take place during every hunting season, or in steps to prevent them. Dr. Pierson reports that while all game department directors stated their belief in safety education, only 31 percent of them reported any sort of safety education program in operation. Those having plans executed them with appropriations ranging from a meager \$200 or less to the many thousands which the state of Pennsylvania spends from \$225,000 allocated annually to conservation education.

The NEWOA survey alarmingly revealed complete lack of knowledge of hunting accidents within the states by the department heads of fish and game and conservation. Typical replies were: "Our wildlife agency executes no control over hunting accidents and no reports are assembled by us." Or: "Our information comes from what the wardens hear or see and what we read in the papers." It is the case why do we have game wardens, conservation officers or game protectors? All protection for the animals of the wild and fish of the waters, but not even the slightest bit of interest in the welfare of hunters and sportsmen.

Here in Massachusetts and in other New England States, you can shoot down a person, walk away, and get away with "I thought it was a deer or other game." If anybody catches

up with you. You don't have to give first aid or even report a gun accident. We asked the conservation department heads last year who was to investigate accidents, the answer was, "Don't know, conservation officers don't have to." We asked the State Police and again the answer was "we don't have to investigate unless they are reported to us." Then who is charged with the prosecution of negligent shooting of a hunter, or other person?

It's About Time
It's about time legislators who are charmed with the safety of the people of the Commonwealth take note of the number of fatal and non-fatal gun and hunting accidents. We must at least have some agency responsible for investigation and prosecution of those responsible for the accidents. If negligence is found, the guilty persons should lose his gunning rights for life, and other states should also deny him any gunning privileges. We are using "accident" too loosely when we apply it to most of our gun accidents.

The data collected by the NEWOA failed to uncover any specific solution to the problem but it did turn a glaring spotlight on the inadequacy of the individual states to cope with the situation. The overwhelming agreement among the fish and game agencies that safety education was the only sound means of reducing the accident rate was revealed in direct contrast to the practice of their belief. Those departments having any sort of safety education program were in a rare minority. Even those states where educational programs have been instituted, the number of accidents have not been reduced. The lack of control over hunting accidents came to light when 57 per cent admitted that they did not require a report of accidents regardless of severity, which accounts for the lack of information possessed by the fish and game departments.

The fish and game departments are the licensing agencies, yet through this agency passes no gun shooting accidents in report form. Through city and town clerks in Massachusetts any citizen, no matter what kind of a police record he holds, no matter what his conduct is in the field or woods before applying for a hunting license, can obtain this license by

simply applying and paying the fee. If the hunter goes out and kills a hen pheasant, he is apt to lose his hunting privileges and license, but he can shoot a person, even mortally, and he doesn't even have to report it. The next year he can apply for his license and get it. It just doesn't make sense.

Public Hearings
Only 8 per cent of the states place any financial responsibility upon the person causing a hunting accident and only 35 per cent of the state fish and game agencies have the legal

power to revoke the hunting license of the careless hunter. In 92 per cent no public hearings are held on hunting accidents. Again that doesn't make sense.

It's about time that such accidents as we will illustrate are stopped for they are recorded as needless gun accidents. A Wisconsin hunter sat on a stump waiting for a deer. Stung by a stray bullet, he jumped up. Another hunter saw the quick movement, fired blindly and killed him. A Michigan hunter carried a lunch wrapped in white paper. As he took it from his pocket to eat, he was hit by a fellow who said the flick of white looked like a deer's tail. A California youth, decked in red hat, crouched in a clump of bushes he was using for a duck blind. The hunter who poured a charge of bird shot into him said: "I thought he was a turkey."



to gather. A member of the Development Commission personally has visited radio stations in the larger cities and written to all of them, urging consistent and persistent plugging of the hunting safety program. Maine's Gov. Frederick G. Payne has released a message on hunting safety to school teachers and all newspapers. Island Fisheries and Game Commissioner George Stoble has issued repeated statements on safe gun handling in regard to hunting "accidents" has been strengthened. With all this work prior to the opening of the hunting seasons, hunting "accidents" are mounting. Last year 20 men died as a result of hunting "accidents" in Maine.

Sportsmen must find the answer soon or the sport of hunting will be lost. Is it education? Is it laws? Is it examination of every gun user? Is it legislation to rule out all gunners? Will it be controlled shooting for the privileged? If we know the sportsmen, and after 28 years we should, they will do nothing about it, but a Michigan man stung a coyote he

had trapped over a shoulder, and headed for his car. A deer stalker saw the fur, fired and killed him. Another Michigan man who wore a coat that was too dark red lost his life when a hunter mistook him for a brown bear. Could you accuse the victims of the above accidents will negligence?

he there are preparing to.

FOR \$6 A WEEK THIS MAN BUYS INDEPENDENCE

Albert Enoch Resigned to Living on 'Far Side of Sun'

Los Angeles, Nov. 12 (AP)—Albert Enoch, 67-year-old chemist, has been living for some years now in an economic twilight which he calls "the far side of the sun."

He gets along adequately and without complaint on a total of \$6 a week. He earns the \$6 himself.

Center of Controversy
Until a few weeks ago Enoch had resigned himself to obscure poverty. He set but no condition for the remaining years of his life—financial independence.

How he attained that goal—on six self-earned dollars a week—was one of those human-interest stories that go unnoted in a busy metropolis.

Then his modest design-for-existence suddenly became a cause célèbre—an issue in California's current pension controversy.

"The pensioners in the hotel where I live jumped all over me the day the news paper carried a story about my \$6-a-week budget," Enoch says. "I used to have a lot of friends at the hotel. Now I haven't any."

"They say my \$6 a week, for which I am indebted to no one, makes their \$75-a-month state-paid pensions look a little like fraud."

"Well, what's done is done. I meant no harm, but an old man likes to talk..."

How He Does It
Enoch was just talking, killing some of the time that nowadays hangs on his hands, in a veterans' hospital a few weeks ago. He goes there occasionally for treatment of the illness (phibiosis) which has left him unable to hold a steady job. A reporter overheard him, and began wondering how anybody can live in high-priced Los Angeles on \$6 a week.

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2 small ovap. milk . . . 11
Half lb. ground meat . . . 15
1 lb. fish . . . 20
5 lbs. honey at 70 cents (6 wks) . . . 10
1 lb. peanut butter at 30 cents . . . 10
1 lb. coffee at 42 cents (2 wks) . . . 21
1 sack tobacco . . . 11
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His only other expense is \$.75 a week for a hotel room.

"When my leg doesn't bother me," says Enoch, "I walk to the wholesale market at 9th and San Pedro Sts."

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Free Cakes, Haircuts
"From the Salvation Army anyone must get bread and cakes for the asking. I work for my clothes at a church. You can get a good free haircut in the basement of the Union Rescue Mission, although I usually try to give the barber a quarter. They also have facilities there to press your clothes and take a bath. I find enough odd jobs to earn about \$2 over my room rent, and that's all I need."

"Of course you have to stuff your pride up your sleeves and adjust to living on the other side."

The "other side," Enoch says, means the areas of any city where the poor live.

"It's another world, a world of the aged and lonely who sit in rockers and talk about politics or the past; of the people who wear old clothes and whom you don't see when you pass them on the street; a hemisphere on the far side of the sun, where the inhabitants get less than their share of warmth."

Those words are Enoch's own. He reads philosophy for relaxation, and the years when he lived a little closer to the sun are reflected in his conversation.

Bartered by Fate
"I was never rich, but I was well off. I had a good job, a college education. I married and raised two sons who now are officers in the armed services."

"Then—bingo! Fate laid violent hands on my life. My wife died. My health failed my money vaporized. I found this tiny room on top of Bunker Hill (in an older section of Los Angeles) and gradually adjusted myself to a new existence."

Just to keep the record straight, Enoch says he has consistently refused any help from his sons, whom he identified as L. R. O. Enoch, Port Smith, Ark., and Ft. Officer Donald C. Enoch, San Marco, Tex.

"They're good boys," he says, "but they have their own lives. I want no help from any source, public or private."

Enoch apparently has solved the problem of living from day to day but what about the future?

Has Dementia Idea
"I keep hoping," he says, "that I can find work for which I am fitted. I can't compete with younger men in stamina, but an old man's head is a storehouse of knowledge. In other civilizations this treasure of

the aged could find a market. "I am working on a ditheromy machine. Most of them operate on 110 volts. Mine operates on 7 1/2 volts and couldn't hurt a baby."

"I want to perfect it. That's what keeps a man going, I guess. The desire, before he passes on, to create a perfect thing..."

Enoch can't afford the expensive tools of modern science. So he has not yet created his "perfect thing." He has only succeeded in creating something he didn't want—a controversy over a man's right to live on \$6 a week if he so wishes.

SOMERVILLE SAILOR LOST DURING GALE
Astoria, Ore., Nov. 12 (AP)—A seaman was thrown overboard from a gale-lashed freighter early today, the Coast Guard reported.

The deck cargo of lumber on the Calmar, a Liberty ship converted to lumber carrying, shifted during the gale, throwing the man overboard and injuring another.

The missing seaman was identified as Walter E. Roberts of Somerville, Mass.

A radio report said Roberts was not wearing a life jacket. Crewmen

threw over seven life buoys but he was not seen again. The Coast Guard cutter Balsam began a search of the area, 45 miles west of the Columbia River Lightship.

Heads Examiners
Daytona Beach, Fla., Nov. 12 (AP)—Clarence L. Beckel, dean of the University of Colorado College of Engineering, was elected president of the National Council of State Boards of Engineering Examiners today. Russell G. Warner, New Haven, Conn., was named vice-president.

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Princess Margaret Rose Now Is Being Acclaimed As Picture Book Royalty

By CHARLES A. SMITH

London, Nov. 12 (INS)—Shake hands with Princess Margaret Rose of Britain—renowned as the modern, streamlined royal teen-ager.

She is 19½ right up-to-date—no mud-cup but nonetheless no blue stockings.

Loved and Criticized
This diminutive, 19-year-old Princess of the British blood royal has a many-sided character. It explains why she is loved—and sometimes criticized—by the British nation.

In public and "on show" as she puts it, she is well-dressed, exquisitely mannered, poised and elegant beyond her years. Always the perfect picture-book princess.

At home, whether it is at London's Buckingham Palace, Scotland's Balmoral Castle, or Norfolk's Sandringham House, she is the devoted daughter.

The girl who sings to her mother's piano accompaniment, listens to the

radio, plays "hot" disks on the phonograph, sometimes reads to her father, plays with her dogs and dutifully attends to her mail, goes around in a sweater and skirt and flat-heeled shoes. She also studies languages.

Regular Teen-ager
In her own "off duty" hours she is an out-and-out teen-ager, always ripe for a prank, adores having high-spirited young men and women friends around her. She also likes wearing zany party clothes, enjoys the social whirl, good food, vintage wines, the theater, ballet, movies, and any modern dancing that's "hot."

In tone, Margaret at 19 is a product of the mid-Twentieth Century, who refuses to let the swaddling influence of court life and her position in Britain suffocate her, who knows what she wants and most of the time gets it.

Some of the things she does cause a lot of heart-burning among the old-timers at court and from time to time arouse more than behind-the-hand criticism in the British newspapers. She knows it, and is completely unrepentant.

Latest Break
Margaret's latest break with royal convention—one that caused more tut-tutting than genuine concern—came at a charity Halloween ball, when she smoked a cigarette. The old-timers said neither the queen nor

Princess Elizabeth had ever done that, a royal and a public and a private life, that the two are sharply divided. She believes that working hard at being a royal princess and all it means in Britain entitles her to have her play time in private, and she says: "I don't care to be a suet pudding all my life."

This writer first met Margaret almost three years ago. She was a tiny, shy little girl who obviously was having an unsuccessful stab at using "make-up."

Completely Emerges
She wore "little girl" clothes unsuited to her, was inclined to smile with a slight stoop, had a slightly sulky expression, and caused a certain amount of sympathetic clucking from onlookers who watched her trail; behind her mother and father, apparently doing her best not to look bored to the teeth.

Today Margaret has emerged completely and successfully from the thick cocoon of royalty. She is still tiny, scarcely more than an inch or two over five feet high. She is slim, carries herself well and walks well. She is an extremely self-possessed young woman in public, a "serenity" in private when the fit takes her.

Seen in some smart but exclusive restaurant, or at a not-to-public dance in some restaurant or hotel, she bubbles with vivacious gaiety; hums most of the melodies being played by the band, seldom misses a dance, and generally gives the impression that she is having a whale of a time.

Good Dancer
She dances an elegant rumba or samba, is not afraid to kick up her heels—and her skirts—in a censored version of the French can-can or in a gay Highland fling.

Her gift for repartee has become something of a byword in her set and is sprinkled with Americanisms learned from her very good friend and confidante Sharman Douglas, 21-year-old daughter of U. S. Ambassador Lewis Douglas. Her ready wit coaxed a natural when the fit takes her.

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Nothing Outside Code
It is factually for example that top-level British society, and more in the lower levels, didn't think at all funny when Margaret joined Sharman Douglas and 10 other youngsters at the US embassy in London to perform what was admittedly a subdued and conservative version of the can-can.

Yet Margaret had done nothing outside her code, and both she and Sharman were annoyed that it aroused criticism and was "made to look like something out of the Folies Bergere."

When on the job Margaret does it faithfully and well. Only those who have knowledge of what she usually is in semi-private, followed around, and almost poked at "like some prize animal," know what it means for a 19-

year-old to undertake public duties of a royal British. Hence the natural search for "off duty" relaxation.

Accepts Public Chores
Margaret has accepted an ever-increasing round of public chores since her sister's marriage and motherhood and her father long in off caused by his leg ailment. She has conquered her initial shyness as a public speaker and now speaks simply and well.

She has learned the hard-to-acquire tricks of never looking bored, never to frown at a photographer, always to be ready to bring the "royal smile" to her face, always to appear interested in whatever she is doing, no matter how much her feet may hurt her or how boring her surroundings and her company.

Now that she is approaching her 20th birthday, she is a whole means the British nation as a whole wait for word of a romance, particularly about whom she will marry and when she will marry.

She is in truth the most carefully chaperoned and watched teen-ager in Britain, perhaps the world.

INFORMATION CENTER FOR BOSTON COMMON

Boston, Nov. 12—A year-round New England visitors' information center will be established next month on Boston Common, the New England Council and the Convention Bureau of the Boston Chamber of Commerce announced today.

A permit has been granted by city authorities to erect a log cabin at the corner of Charles and Boylston Sts. where free information and descriptive literature about points of interest in Boston and New England will be offered the public.

The building, donated by the Ward Cabin Co. of Presque Isle, Me., will be jointly maintained and staffed by the Recreational Development Department of the New England Council and the Convention and Visitors Bureau of the Boston Chamber of Commerce.

The operational plans of the visitors' information center will be outlined at the recreational session of the annual New England Conference at the Hotel Statler Friday morning by James A. Morrison, manager of the Convention Bureau of the Boston Chamber of Commerce.

Polio Exhibition

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 12 (AP)—Yale's medical school library today placed on display an exhibition illustrating "the history of poliomyelitis." The display, which will remain in the Yale medical library throughout November, depicts the development of poliomyelitis research through the centuries.

Building Contracts Down

New York, Nov. 12 (AP)—Building contracts awarded in the 37 states east of the Rocky Mountains in October totaled \$1,061,751,000, down 3 per cent from the record high volume in September but 36 per cent higher than October, 1948, P. W. Dodge Corp. reported today.

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